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The Honorable Joel Hefley
Chairman
Subcommittee on Readiness
Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Transmitted herewith are seven minor construction projects that have been approved by the Department of the Army in conjunction with the review procedures established by the Secretary of Defense. This notification is in compliance with 10 USC 2805(b).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Joseph W. Whitaker", is positioned above the printed name.

Joseph W. Whitaker
Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army
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Enclosure

cc: The Honorable Solomon P. Ortiz
Ranking Member



**Notification of the Intention to Proceed
with 7 Unspecified Minor Military Construction, Army Projects**

The Department of the Army proposes to authorize the obligation of MCA funds for the following Unspecified Minor Military Construction, Army projects:

**Installation &
Project Description**

Fort Rucker, AL
Stagefield ATC Towers, Project Number 55692
Estimated cost is \$1,400,000

This project will construct two stagefield air traffic control towers and demolish two steel open frame tower stands. If this project is not provided, it would cause an adverse impact on aviator training and lead to degradation of flight safety.

**Installation &
Project Description**

Anniston Army Depot, AL
Non-destructive Testing Facility, Project Number 53137
Estimated cost is \$1,250,000

This project will construct a facility to consolidate Real Time Radiography System, X-ray equipment, and a non-destructive testing training and welder certification area for supporting all tracked combat vehicles. If this project is not provided, present inefficient method of testing and training will continue with loss of time and incurring transport cost of equipment to several different locations.

**Installation &
Project Description**

McAlester Army Ammunition Plant, OK
Inert Munitions Pre-mix Facility, Project Number 59455
Estimated Cost is \$1,450,000

This project will construct a remote facility to pre-mix the inert ingredients required for insensitive munitions production, in order to reduce the time needed to mix explosive batches. If this project is not provided, McAlester Army Ammunition Plant will not be able to increase production capacity and will not be able to meet munitions replenishment and mobilization capacity requirements of the Army, Air Force, and Navy Mobilization Plans.

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with 7 Unspecified Minor Military Construction, Army Projects
(continued)**

**Installation &
Project Description**

Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD
Replace Bldg 670 (Relocate Environmental Testing Mission)
Project Number 59623
Estimated cost is \$1,450,000

This project will construct an environmental test chamber building to house various types of commercially manufactured, live-ammunition test chambers to reduce the safety risk away from the current adjacent range operations. If this project is not provided, missions to support testing and unit training will continue to be restricted and training personnel will be exposed to potentially higher explosive hazard.

**Installation &
Project Description**

Fort Stewart, GA
Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Facility, Project Number 57696
Estimated cost is \$1,450,000

This project will construct a Tactical Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (TUAV) maintenance/storage facility required to support three TUAV platoons. If this project is not provided, there will be no facility to properly support the maintenance and storage requirements of the TUAV units and will have a negative impact on the mission readiness of the TUAV units.

**Installation &
Project Description**

Fort Shafter
Child Development Center, Project Number 57320
Estimated cost is \$940,000

This project will construct an addition to an existing Child Development Center (CDC) to support soldier parents by providing childcare services. This CDC also supports soldier parents receiving medical attention at Tripler Army Medical Center. If this project is not provided, hourly care programs will be negatively impacted and child development programs will remain inadequate.

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(continued)**

**Installation &
Project Description**

Camp Ederle, Italy

Parachute Rigging Facility, Project Number 59914

Estimated cost is \$1,400,000

This project will provide a facility for parachute rigging to meet mission requirements of the U.S. Army Southern European Task Force (SETAF). If this project is not provided, SETAF units will continue to use diverted warehouse space that is inadequate for parachute rigging. This directly impacts mission readiness and will negatively impact the rapid deployment capability of SETAF.